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TAGS: OTRA (TAKALA, MRS. LOAN), CVIS

SUBJECT: VISIT OF CONSTITUENT OF SENATOR MONDALE

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1. MRS. LOAN TAKALA, US CITIZEN AND CONSTITUENT OF SENATOR MONDALE, CAME TO EMBASSY MARCH 1. EMBOFF CALLED AMBASSADOR CHAYET OF CONSULAR SECTION OF QUAI AND ARRANGED FOR HER TO SEE ONE OF HIS SUBORDINATES ABOUT ENTRY FROM SAIGON INTO FRANCE FOR HER SON AND SISTER. MRS. TAKALA THEN VISITED VISA SECTION WHERE APPLICATIONS FOR THEIR ENTRY TO THE UNITED STATES WERE MADE. FOLLOWING CONVERSATIONS AT QUAI AND WITH VIETNAMESE FRIENDS CONCERNING WAYS OF GETTING HER SON AND SISTER OUT OF SAIGON, MRS. TAKALA CALLED AGAIN AT THE EMBASSY ON MARCH 11. SHE SAID THAT QUAI OFFICIAL HAD NOT BEEN VERY ENCOURAGING; HE SAID GOF WOULD CONSIDER GIVING ENTRY VISA TO HER SON AND SISTER ONLY AFTER THEY COULD SHOW POSSESSION OF VIETNAMESE EXIT PERMITS. OFFICIAL TOOK NO NOTES ON THE CASE AND WOULD APPARENTLY NOT BE INFORMING THE FRENCH CG IN SAIGON THAT THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION FOR THESE TWO APPLICANTS WILL BE THE US. MRS. TAKALA REMAINS CONCERNED THAT TIME IS RUNNING OUT AND IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE SLOW VIETNAMESE AND FRENCH PROCEDURES TO FUNCTION PRIOR TO CONFIDENTIAL

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THE EXPECTED CLAMPDOWN ON EMMIGRATION FROM SAIGON FOL-

LOWING THE UNIFICATION OF VIETNAM. WE SHALL FOLLOW UP  
WITH QUAI ON GENERAL SUBJECT OF FRENCH ROLE IN DEPARTURE  
OF VIETNAMESE IN SVN RELATED TO AMERICANS.

2. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO INFORM SENATOR MONDALE'S  
OFFICE OF THE ABOVE. MRS. TAKALA CARRIED ALSO A LETTER  
TO THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SENATOR, WHICH WE ARE  
ANSWERING ALONG THE LINES OF THE ABOVE.

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3. THE FRENCH HERE ALSO BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE MORE  
DIFFICULT, COME MAY OR JUNE FOR VIETNAMESE TO LEAVE  
SAIGON. WE HAVE NOTED THAT SOME AMERICANS, WHO HAVE  
TRIED TO ENTER VIETNAM TO ASSIST THEIR WIVES AND  
AMERICAN CITIZEN CHILDREN TO LEAVE HAVE NOT TO DATE  
BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. ALTHOUGH WE THINK THE CHANCES  
OF ANY AMERICAN CITIZENS GETTING RELATIVES OUT OF  
SAIGON ARE NOT PROMISING, THERE MAY BE SOME MERIT IN  
MRS. TAKALA'S ATTEMPT TO HAVE HER SON AND DAUGHTER  
JOIN HER OSTENSIBLY IN FRANCE. WE PRESUME THAT THERE  
MAY BE SOME OTHER CASES OF AMERICAN CITIZENS OR ALIENS  
ADMITTED FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE WHO WISH TO GET THEIR  
CHILDREN OUT, AND IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ENLIST GOF  
ASSISTANCE IN CASES WHERE ONE COULD CONVINCINGLY CLAIM  
THE RELATIVE WOULD BE JOINING THE PRINCIPAL IN FRANCE.  
WE INTEND TO RAISE AGAIN WITH THE QUAI MRS. TAKALA'S  
CASE IN AN ATTEMPT TO ELICIT A MORE SYMPATHETIC AND  
HELPFUL RESPONSE. PRIOR TO DOING SO, WE WOULD APPRE-  
CIATE FURTHER INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENT AND OTHER  
ADDRESSEES CONCERNING THE LIKELIHOOD THAT SAIGON MIGHT  
GIVE EXIT PERMITS. WE GATHER FROM MESSAGES IN OTHER  
CHANNELS THAT IN SOME CASES VIETNAMESE NATIONALS HAVE  
BEEN ABLE TO LEAVE SAIGON AFTER PAYMENT OF FAIRLY SUB-  
STANTIAL "CONTRIBUTIONS".

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